

# Berry Public School

## Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff,

While inspecting a blocked sink drain in the Building A staff kitchen at Berry Public School on Thursday 19 December 2024, a contractor discovered suspected asbestos-containing vinyl tiles.

As a precaution, work was stopped and access to the room was restricted.

Testing by an independent hygienist on 14 January 2025 confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos in the tiles - which were not listed on the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged.

Asbestos removal work occurred on 28 January with safety measures, including air monitoring, in place, in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

The independent hygienist reinspected the room and issued a clearance certificate.

While the sink repair works will take place at a later date, staff can continue using the kitchen and its hot water system. An alternative sink is available in the Building A sick bay.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.



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